

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-53. (cancelled)

54. (currently amended) A screening element which includes a body with an upper screening surface, a lower discharge surface, a plurality of beam formations each of which extends at least partially across the body, at least a first plurality of apertures in the body defined by the beam formations, an integrally formed reinforcing frame which is at least partially embedded in the body and which is made of a first plastics material, and [[in]] a plurality of spacers which are integrally formed on the frame and at least partially embedded in the body.

55. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 wherein the frame is rectangular in outline and defines at least one rectangular opening and includes a plurality of inner corners wherein at least one of the inner corners provides an expansion point.

56. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 wherein the frame includes at least one cross member.

57. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 which includes a plurality of keying formations on the frame.

58. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 57 wherein each of the keying formations is in the form of a groove, spigot or aperture.

59. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 wherein the frame, in cross-section has a slenderness ratio of between 2:5 and 2:3.

60. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 59 wherein the slenderness ratio is 2:4.

61. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 wherein the body is made from a second plastics material.

62. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 wherein the body includes a plurality of location formations.

63. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 which includes a tag which is located in the body.

64. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 wherein at least one beam formation, in cross-section includes a tapered section and a support section.

65. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 64 wherein the support section includes a reinforcing insert.

66. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 64 wherein the tapered section has a reducing taper from the screening surface towards the discharge surface and the support section is located between the tapered section and the discharge surface.

67. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 wherein the first plurality of apertures are in communication with one another.

68. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 54 which includes a plurality of first cross members which extend, from at least one beam formation in a first direction and a plurality of second cross members which extend from the one beam formation in a second direction which is opposite to the first direction, each of the second cross members being directly opposite a respective first cross member.

69. (currently amended) A screening element according to claim 54 wherein each beam formation includes a screening formation with a first screening section which extends in a first direction, a second screening section attached to the first screening section which extends in a second direction which is different from the first direction, a third screening section attached to the second screening section which extends in a third

direction which is ~~opposite~~ parallel to the first direction and a fourth screening section attached to the third screening section which extends ~~[[in]]~~ parallel the second direction.

70. (previously presented) A screening element according to claim 69 wherein the second direction is at a right angle to the first direction.

71-72. (cancelled)